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Amendments to and Listing of the Claims

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 15 and 16, so that the claims read as follows.

1. (currently amended) A process for waterproofing leather (1), comprising directly pressing on an internal surface of the leather (1) at least one semi-permeable membrane (2) whose surface contacting the leather (1) is provided with a discontinuous glue pattern to adhere the leather to the semi-permeable membrane.
2. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the glue pattern of the semi-permeable membrane (2) is thermoadhesive, and the pressing of said membrane on the leather (1) is a hot-pressing.
3. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the semi-permeable membrane (2) is not porous and carries out the water vapor passage by osmosis.
4. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein said semi-permeable membrane (2) is elastic with a grade of elongation higher than 50%.
5. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein said semi-permeable membrane (2) is made of polyurethane.
6. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein said semi-permeable membrane (2) has a thickness included between 5 μm and 100 μm .
7. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein said semi-permeable membrane (2) is combined with a support sheet (3).
8. (previously presented) The process according to claim 7, wherein the support sheet (3) is made of fabric and is firmly fastened to the membrane (2).
9. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the glue pattern is formed of a multiplicity of dots having a diameter included between 0.1 mm and 0.8

mm.

10. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the glue pattern is formed of a multiplicity of dots having a density included between 50 dots/cm² and 200 dots/cm².

11. (previously presented) A leather (1) which is waterproofed by a process according to claim 1.

12. (previously presented) The leather according to claim 11, wherein it is made of two or more pieces sewed together.

13. (previously presented) A shoe comprising an upper of waterproofed leather according to claim 11.

14. (previously presented) A shoe comprising a sole of waterproofed leather according to claim 11.

15. (new) The process according to claim 1, wherein the glue pattern provides adhesion between the membrane (2) and the leather (1) while avoiding plugging of pores of the leather.

16. (new) The process according to claim 1, wherein no semi-permeable lining is used between the leather and the membrane.